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### **Rails draw makes Royal Sprite race favourite**

By Ellen Dwyer GBOTA Operations Manager

Wentworth Park specialist Royal Sprite will go into Saturday night's November 9, Group 1 Sportingbet Vic Peters (520m) final as the race favourite after drawing the cherished box one rug.

A sensational list of eight finalists was brought together following four semi-finals at the Glebe circuit on November 2.

The opening semi saw fastest heat qualifier Gimme Fuel start the punters elect, however it was Jason Thompson prepared Whata Good Size which stepped the best winning in 29.82 over Folk Tails and Cawbourne Brodie.

Thompson will be shooting for back to back Vic Peters titles after claiming the event in 2012 with Proven Nitro.

Belfast Johnny for Troy Vella won the second qualifier in impressive fashion, showing strong mid race dash, Belfast Johnny won by 6 ½ lengths over Royal Sprite, which finished strongly to secure his third Group race final position for the year.

The third semi saw Frosty Vintage atone for her heat run, where she was run down on the line. The 29.90 victory saw the daughter of Frosty Fruits lead from start to finish, ending Avondale Porche's unbeaten run. Avondale Porche held out a late lunge from Living Proof to secure trainer Beau Hedley a spot in Saturday's \$75,000 to the winner final.

In the final qualifier, Evil Punk was the strongest finisher, running down early leader Another Call to stop the clock at 29.70, four lengths clear of Soviet Missile which sees trainer Toby Weekes line up in his first Group 1 Final.

Saturday Sportingbet Vic Peters final shapes as an interesting event given the box draw, with Royal Sprite set to head betting. Saturday's on course events will include a mechanical bull ride from 6pm.

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# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## GROUP ONE – SPORTINGBET VIC PETERS CLASSIC

**\$75,000 to the winner**



### **Royal Sprite**

22 starts 9-3-3 (\$28,820)

**Magic Sprite – Elizabeth Royal**

Black Dog April '11

Owner / Trainer: **Jane Curruthers**

**Wentworth Park best: 29.67 (2) (11 Starts 4-3-1)**

**Impeccable record at Wentworth Park where he has won four and four from 11. Perfect draw here from box one. Top class sprinter he should prove hard to beat.**



### **Belfast Johnny**

11 starts 7-2-0 (\$17,420)

**Cosmic Rumble – Wongawillisue**

Black Dog May '11

Owner: **Deanna M Hart**

Trainer: **Troy Vella**

**Wentworth Park best: 29.67 (5) (4 Starts 2-1-0)**

**Good record in his short career and drawn well here to put up a forward showing. Very impressive last week in the semi recording fastest time of the night. Looks the one to beat if can run up to that effort again. Reliable beginner big chance.**



### **Folk Tails**

14 starts 2-6-2 (\$7,607)

**Hurricane Luke – Cin Cin Shiraz**

Black Bitch December '11

Owner / Trainer: **Carly Absalom**

**Wentworth Park best: NBT (4 Starts 0-2-0)**

**Young bitch with ability she has only recorded the two career wins so far and hasn't won here. Might prove a bit outclassed in this but certainly has a future, big thrill for connections to make a Group 1. Place chance best.**



### **Frosty Vintage**

10 starts 5-1-0 (\$9,490)

**Bombastic Shiraz – Frosty Fruits**

Black Bitch June '11

Owner: **Mr M A Frost Syndicate**

Trainer: **Craig Chappelow**

**Wentworth Park best: 29.90 (6) (3 Starts 2-1-0)**

**Another young bitch with a good record in short career has won here twice in the same time and did a good job last week from box six. Not the best of draws here and she would have to find herself up on the speed to be a chance. Place best.**



### **Avondale Porche**

12 starts 10-2-0 (\$23,320)

**Knocka Norris – Micro Lee**

Blue Bitch April '11

Owner: **Michael Brown**

Trainer: **Beau Hedley**

**Wentworth Park best: NBT (2 Starts 0-1-0)**

**Very talented young bitch has won 10 from 12 and four here on the trot before last weeks second. Very reliable beginner and she will have to come out from box five in this final. Nice type with plenty of upside to her, is certainly a chance with a bit of luck in running.**



## Soviet Missile

13 starts 4-2-0 (\$10,035)

Where's Pedro – Jacinda Bale

Black Dog October '11

Owner: Frank Elniz

Trainer: Toby Weekes

Wentworth Park best: NBT (4 Starts 0-2-0)

Hasn't won here with a couple of seconds to his name. Went okay last week when he chased home Evil Punk. Would need a fair bit of luck in running to trouble these but is an outside chance. Place is best.



## Evil Punk

30 starts 8-4-5 (\$24,905)

Collision – Punk Angel

Black Dog September '11

Owner / Trainer: James Coyle

Wentworth Park best: 29.70 (4) (16 Starts 3-2-4)

Very smart young dog with an excellent record here of three and six from 16. Very impressive semi win in 29.70 3/100<sup>th</sup> slower than the best. Has to come out running and get over from this outside draw and if he can he's a winning chance.



## Whata Good Size (VIC)

31 starts 18-6-3 (\$58,920)

Fear Zafonic – Surf Queen

Black Dog June '11

Owners: The Xfactor Syndicate

Trainer: Jason Thompson

Wentworth Park best: 29.92 (6) (2 Starts 1-1-0)

Smart Victorian with an outstanding record of 18 and nine from 31. Trainer going for back to back wins after winning last year with Proven Nitro. Not the best of draws at Wenty and he is not the best beginner. He'll need to find a spot at the first turn to be a chance. Nice type with a good mentor.



## Living Proof

8 starts 4-0-2 (\$56,040)

Collide – Casey's Angel

Finished third last week behind Frosty Vintage, has performed well in his career so far with a win in the Group 2 Great Chase. Might be a chance if he gains a start.



## Waylin Joy

32 starts 6-6-7 (\$19,280)

Where's Pedro – Winsome Joy

Smart young performer he finished third to Evil Punk in last week's semi has won on the track in 30.01 and is an outside chance if he gained a run.

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

### Ron Arnold

1<sup>st</sup> Royal Sprite

2<sup>nd</sup> Avondale Porche

3<sup>rd</sup> Whata Good Size

### Gerard Guthrie

1<sup>st</sup> Belfast Johnny

2<sup>nd</sup> Avondale Porche

3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Sprite

### Adam Dobbin

1<sup>st</sup> Belfast Johnny

2<sup>nd</sup> Whata Good Size

3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Sprite

# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## Local Market for the Sportingbet Vic Peters Classic:

<b>\$75,000 to Winner Group 1 Sportingbet Vic Peters Classic (520m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
 <b>1</b>	<i>Royal Sprite</i>	<i>Jane Curruthers</i>	<b>\$3.50</b>
 <b>2</b>	<i>Belfast Johnny</i>	<i>Troy Vella</i>	<b>\$3.00</b>
 <b>3</b>	<i>Folk Tails</i>	<i>Carly Absalom</i>	<b>\$31.00</b>
 <b>4</b>	<i>Frosty Vintage</i>	<i>Craig Chappelow</i>	<b>\$15.00</b>
 <b>5</b>	<i>Avondale Porche</i>	<i>Beau Hedley</i>	<b>\$7.00</b>
 <b>6</b>	<i>Soviet Missile</i>	<i>Toby Weekes</i>	<b>\$26.00</b>
 <b>7</b>	<i>Evil Punk</i>	<i>James Coyle</i>	<b>\$6.00</b>
 <b>8</b>	<i>Whata Good Size</i>	<i>Jason Thompson</i>	<b>\$8.00</b>
 <b>9</b>	<i>Living Proof (1<sup>st</sup> RES)</i>	<i>Glen Rounds</i>	<b>RES</b>
 <b>10</b>	<i>Waylin Joy (2<sup>nd</sup> RES)</i>	<i>Paul Bigeni</i>	<b>RES</b>

## What's happening on race night?

A cheque for \$75,000 together with a presentation rug and trophy awaits the winner of this Group 1 event.

The final goes as race 8 at 9.48 pm on Saturday's ten race program. Gates open at 5.30 pm with the first race at 7.27 pm. Entry is \$6 for adults with children free.

Entertainment includes free rides (kids and adults) on our professionally operated Mechanical Bull.

## Honour Roll

The Vic Peters Classic is the oldest feature event on the NSW GBOTA's Calendar, this traditional classic, age restricted event (open to greyhounds whelped between July 1 and June 30) was first conducted in 1951 and known as the 'Annual Classic'. It was re-named the Vic Peter's Memorial Classic in 1962 – in honour of and on the passing of Vic Peters, the first Secretary of the Association (1939 to 1961). The word 'memorial' was dropped from the race's title in 2001. The Classic has been won by the likes of Black Top, Shapely Escort, Sammie Sparrow, Woolley Wilson, Tegimi, Alpha Brava, Brother Fox, Worth Doing, Go Wild Teddy, Collision and last year's winner Spring Gun.



# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## Harold Park 457m – Grass Track:

1951	SHARID	26.80
1952	HAPPY KAY	27.10
1953	COLA MINDA	26.80
1954	DASHER'S BOW	27.00
1955	KNIGHT RULER	27.20
1956	SMOOTH EVENT	27.05
1957	CANTEE	26.93
1958	MONTANA J ET	27.04
1959	FESTIVAL TIME	26.91
1960	PINE TOP	26.89
1961	ROCK ET MAC	27.10
1962	BLACK TOP	26.40
1963	(DH) SERAPHINO & TEST PATTERN	26.80
1964	BONGEARON	26.80
1965	DAILY TIDE	26.60
1966	AFRICAN BALL ET	26.80
1967	MR SPOT	26.60
1968	SAMMIE SPARROW	26.80
1969	MILLIMSIMBI	26.50
1970	SHAPELY ESCORT	26.70
1971	REAL WORDS (VIC)	26.40
1972	WOOLLEY WILSON	26.70
1973	KIM'S MONARO	26.31
1974	CELL BLOCK	26.59
1975	ALPHA BRAVA	26.22
1976	BLACK DERBY	26.65
1977	ROCKET MONARO	26.53
1978	TEGIMI (VIC)	26.35
1979	SCOTT OF MINMI	26.71
1980	BAVARIAN AZTEC	26.43
1981	GLEEFULLEE	26.44
1982	KING SEAGULL	26.37
1983	INCH TIME	26.27
1984	BROTHER FOX	25.82
1985	DAISY DOLL	26.42
1986	SPANISH DANCE	26.54



## Wentworth Park 520m – Grass Track:

1987	ALICE IRENE	30.61
1988	WORTH DOING	29.74
1989	ALYSSA BELLE	30.30
1990	MCVELLA	30.65
1991	ALASTIC REBEL	30.10

**Wentworth Park 520m – Loam Track:**

1992	SPARKLING SPIRIT	30.78
1993	LEON MAL	30.55
1994	BARNEY BLUE	30.96
1995	PLACID BOY	30.55
1996	TRICKY WIND	30.54
1997	BOBNIAK	30.25
1998	BIGBAD LUTHER	30.20
1999	FLASH JOAN	30.43
2000	GO WILD TEDDY	30.27
2001	TOLL SECURITY	30.16
2002	LONG STITCH	30.65
2003	COLLISION	29.73
2004	CHEEKY RENEGADE	30.46
2005	WATCH THE WEB	30.12
2006	CROMLAH BALE	30.14
2007	ASHBY BALE	30.12
2008	NITRO BURST	29.89
2009	DANCING SURF	30.13
2010	ISADOLL	29.93
2011	SPRING GUN	29.75
2012	PROVEN NITRO	29.96

Above are Pics of some of the past winners featuring 1954 Dasher's Bow, 1962 Black Top, 1969 Millimsimbi and 1970 Shapely Escort.

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